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New York's Great Annual Parade of the Suffragists



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MORE than 8,000 women suffragists and about 800 male sympathizers marched up Fifth avenue in the annual "votes for women" parade. Many features combined to make the demonstration an impressive one, among them the bright spring weather, the brilliant yellow banners and the well kept lines of the paraders. The procession was headed by Mrs. Charles T. Knoblauch, wife of a former rough rider, and her detachment of women on horseback, among whom was Miss Inez Milholland, who became well known as a Socialist speaker before she left college. Another striking figure was that of Miss Nellie van Slingerland of Albany, incased in gleaming armor and impersonating Joan of Arc. The women, for the most part, marched under the banners of their district organizations, but there were many groups which carried the insignia of their callings, like the "writers." Probably the most fervent applause of the day went to the members of the Men's league as they passed the ranks of the women marchers, but the Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, eighty-seven years old and a suffragist since 1848, received the heartiest cheers from those who recognized her. The first of the two photographs is of the head of the division of women writers, the second of a part of the cavalry vanguard.

LOCAL CAR SHOPS ARE BUSY

EVERY DEPARTMENT CROWDED WITH REPAIR WORK.

Master Mechanic Moves Office to Store Building to Make Room for Additional Machinery.

With the arrival of another Southern Pacific locomotive last Friday, three engines belonging to outside roads are now undergoing extensive repairs at the roundhouse of the Salem, Dallas & Falls City Railway company in this city. A large crew of machinists is working day and night to handle the extra work and to carry on the needed repairs of the company's own rolling stock.

The latest locomotive entrusted to Master Mechanic Carl Gerlinger and his able mechanics for a general overhauling is one of the largest of the class known in railroad circles as a "monkey," and is used in drawing heavy trains on the Shasta route. This monster locomotive is by far the heaviest type of machine ever brought to Dallas over the west side tracks of the Southern Pacific company.

In addition to a smaller locomotive belonging to the Southern Pacific, and one sent here for repair by the P. & N. company, the local shops are making repairs on a donkey engine owned by the Spaulding Logging company. This machine will be given a general overhauling before being returned to one of the last named company's camps in the Black Rock

timber belt.

Car Shops Are Busy.

The gasoline passenger car used on the run between Black Rock and West Salem is in the car shop for general repair, a smaller car of the same type having been rented from the Southern Pacific company for use while the work is under way. Two passenger coaches belonging to the local road, and used in the steam train service, are receiving their finishing touches in the paint shop.

The local railroad shops, which are among the best in the state, present a busy scene these spring days, every department being crowded with work. So great is the rush of outside repairing that three of the company's own locomotives have been temporarily crowded out of the round house, and are occupying track room in the terminal yards.

The room in the main machine shop heretofore used as an office by the Master Mechanic has been torn out to provide for needed machinery, and Mr. Gerlinger now has his office in the company's store building. Among the machinery recently installed is a driving wheel lathe. This monster lathe is used in turning and trueing locomotive driving wheels. It is said to be one of the largest and best machines of its kind on the coast.

Plant is Strictly Modern.

Work in the local railroad shops has been increasing very rapidly in the last year, and they now constitute one of the important industries of Dallas. No money has been spared in equipping the plant with the very best and latest machinery, and so promptly and satisfactorily has all repairing been done that the company now finds itself crowded to the utmost to take care of orders from outside railroad and logging companies, while handling the construction and repair work on its own rolling stock. Should the rush of work continue, still greater improvements and enlargements will have to be made within the next year to meet the increased demand for the service of the big plant.

DALLAS GETS NEW INDUSTRY

ELECTRIC SOCKET COMPANY TO BUILD FACTORY HERE.

Board of Directors Decides to Rush Construction Work and Begin Operations This Summer.

Dallas gets the electric socket factory. This good news was given out late yesterday afternoon, following a meeting of the board of directors of the Adjustable Electric Socket company.

For several weeks Charles W. Minnich, the resident director of the company, has been selling stock in the new concern, and when his report was turned in to the board of directors yesterday it was found that a sufficient amount of the money had been raised to justify the company in proceeding with the improvement without further delay.

W. H. Abel, a prominent Portland capitalist, and one of the prime movers in the enterprise, came to Dallas, Sunday, and after looking over the city, was enthusiastic in his declaration that a better location for the proposed factory could not have been found in Oregon. Mr. Abel was present at the directors' meeting yesterday afternoon and expressed his approval of the new project in the strongest terms. Besides putting money into the new electric socket company, he declared his intention to investigate the opportunities for still further investments in Polk county.

Prepares Building Plans.

The officers of the company are holding another meeting this afternoon to decide upon the style of building that will be needed for the new factory. As soon as a decision is reached, a competent architect will be employed to prepare plans and specifications for the structure. The directors will also choose a building lot from several available sites that have been offered, and a contract for the construction work will be awarded at the earliest possible date.

The socket to be manufactured by this company is the invention of Edward H. Smith, of Portland, Oregon. In form it resembles the ordinary incandescent socket, but it is so constructed that by merely turning it one way or the other, the light may be dimmed or made more brilliant at will. When the light is turned low, a greatly lessened electric current is required and the meter registers a correspondingly low amount of the "juice." Experts declare that one of these sockets will save its price over and over in a year, when a light is used any considerable number of hours each day.

Mr. Smith, the president of the company, will arrive in a few days and will assume active supervision of the construction work, and will also superintend the mechanical departments after the factory is in operation. He will move his family to Dallas and will become a permanent resident of the city.

EASTERN ORDERS FOR 1911 HOPS

No Business Passing in Contract Market; Crop Prospects.

No additional business in the hop contract market was announced yesterday. There were a few Eastern orders on the market for spot hops at 25 cents.

The greatest interest is taken in crop prospects, which are favorable everywhere. The present indications are for a normal world's crop. In Oregon, the outlook could not be better, and a repetition of the 1906 yield per acre is looked for. A cable from Prague, Bohemia, reported crop conditions on the Continent of Europe favorable and estimated the Continental crop at 680,000 to 690,000 hundred-weight.

The Kentish Observer of May 2, says of crop conditions in England:

"The hop plants are exceptionally forward. The growth during the last week or two has been rapid and tying is in progress. The cold nights will act as a check to too forward development. Rain is badly wanted."

H. Mitchell, advance agent for the Sells-Floto circus, was in the city the last of the week.

PROMINENT SALEM MAN WRECKS HIS AUTOMOBILE

Sudden Appliance of Emergency Brake Causes Disaster to Machine.

Four rubber tires, a busted steering wheel and the faintest suggestion of an expiring smell, are all that remain of a \$1500 automobile in which Charles Livesley, the well-known hop-grower, started to make the homeward trip from Dallas to Salem at a late hour Friday afternoon. The mishap which reduced Mr. Livesley's beautiful car to a heap of scrap-iron occurred a short distance from the Pierce home, three miles east of this city. The owner of the machine escaped with a few severe bruises.

Mr. Livesley left Dallas about dark and was driving at a furious speed, with the evident intention of clipping an hour or two from the usual fifty minute schedule between the Polk county metropolises and the Oregon capital. Residents of the Pierce neighborhood declare he was making one of Barney Oldfield's hair-raising exhibitions look like an amateur's half try as he burned a hole into the night in the direction of the wicked river town, where only a few Union Street fossils object to their slumbers being disturbed by the tooting of Louie Gerlinger's logging engines.

And then it happened. The car stopped, and Mr. Livesley—being in somewhat of a hurry, as we have already stated—went on. Twice or three times the big machine rolled over, and something less than a hundred times rolled the driver. By-standers solemnly assert that both stopped rolling about the same time. The chauffeur-owner, being lighter, rolled faster; but what the car lacked in speed, it made up in strength, and as a consequence the machine suffered the greater damage.

Witnesses of the accident rushed to Mr. Livesley's aid and found him stunned, but not seriously hurt. George Clainfield, who was also driving on the Dallas-Salem road, was one of the first to reach the scene. Taking the victim in his car, he drove hurriedly to Salem, where surgical aid was summoned.

Saturday's Statesman says the injuries were very slight, and that, barring a few scratches, Mr. Livesley next morning "had his usual hale and hearty appearance."

Wedding Anniversary.

The fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. D. Paul was celebrated on May 12, at their beautiful LaSalle Ranch home near Buell. Invitations were extended to eighteen intimate friends and the unique announcements called for some guessing on the part of the guests.

At the dinner hour after a short march out of doors the host and hostess led the way to a rustic summer house where covers were laid for the guests, and the tables nicely decorated for the occasion. Very uniquely a seven-course dinner was served, interspersed with many witty and original sayings.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul were the recipients of several pieces of nice furniture and of two statuettes of themselves, nearly life size, and so nearly perfect in feature and stature as to puzzle the most critical. The day was one long to be remembered by all, and the guests departed wishing the host and hostess many more equally as happy anniversaries.—Sheridan Sun.

TOO SHORT FOR FARMER

Sheridan Editor Scoffs at Socialists' Eight Hour Day.

The Socialist party of Polk county in convention at Dallas incorporated in the resolutions "that we demand an eight-hour day for the wage workers of Polk county." If that demand were fulfilled, how would the dairy-men, the farmer and other employers of monthly help come out at the end of the year? There would be little doing in the dairy yard when the cows were milked at 3 o'clock in the morning and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon; and what about the field hand who got his breakfast at any time after 3 o'clock when the cook got ready to get it? and what about dish-washing after the clock struck 5?

Such chrysan pleasures are nice to read about, but how long would they continue? How would an employer make enough to pay the help, let alone his own living expenses? He'd probably do the work himself and the wage earner wouldn't even have an eight hour day in which to pay his board.—Sheridan Sun.

Thomas Stowe, of this city, visited with friends and relatives in McMinnville last week.

BOARD RE-ELECTS TEACHERS

DALLAS SCHOOLS WILL HAVE COMPETENT INSTRUCTORS

Department of Domestic Science Will Be Added Next Year; School Grounds to Be Improved.

Newly Elected Teachers.

- City Superintendent—Walter I. Ford.
- Grades—
- Mrs. F. H. Morrison.
- Miss Alice D. Grant.
- Miss Gertrude Follow.
- Miss Cora Rossiter.
- Miss Sadie Lynn.
- Miss Maude Hart.
- Miss Nola Coak.
- Miss Edna Morrison.
- Mrs. Edith Plank.
- Miss Alta Savage.
- Miss Lucy Kopan.
- Miss Mattie E. Swann.
- Miss Loree O'Connell.

Appreciation of the work of the teachers in the Dallas public school for the year soon to close was expressed by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting yesterday morning, when all instructors applying for re-employment were elected to serve for another year. The election was entirely harmonious, and each director took advantage of the opportunity to comment upon the faithful and efficient work of City Superintendent Ford and his competent assistants.

In addition to the election of teachers for the public school grades, the board discussed at some length the need of still further improvements on the school buildings and grounds, with the result that it was voted to add more equipment to the chemical and physical laboratories and to grade and seed the lawn in front of the new high school building before the opening of school next fall.

Add New Department.

Following the lead of the more progressive schools of the country, the board has decided to add Domestic Science to the high school course the coming year. One of the vacant rooms in the big building will be fitted up for this department, which will be in charge of an experienced instructor.

Owing to the fact that some of the high school teachers have handed in their resignations, to take effect at the close of the present year, the employment of teachers for these grades has been postponed until the next regular meeting of the board.

MANY HIGH SCHOOLS CLOSE

Standard Honors Won by Students of Four Districts.

The Bethel high school finished the year's work May 17 and closed with an excellent program. The graduating class was the first to finish under the new law, which provides that all students who successfully pass examinations entitling them to certificates for the teachers' training course will be permitted to teach anywhere in Oregon.

The members of the class completing the course are Miss Rosa Domes, Miss Gladys Turner, Miss Louise Sears, and Mr. Clarence Booth. Teachers' certificates were presented to the graduates by County Superintendent Seymour.

The West Salem school held its closing exercises on the same night, and, having recently become standard, received a pennant. The address to the class was delivered by Traveling Supervisor H. H. Parsons.

The Perrydale and Buena Vista high schools held commencement exercises Saturday night. Both received standard honors. Superintendent Seymour spoke at Buena Vista and Supervisor Parsons at Perrydale.

Moves Parsonage

The Evangelical church is moving its parsonage from Church street to East Ash street, to make room for a modern home for the pastor. The old building has been purchased by Weldon Black.

J. A. RANS TAKES CHARGE OF THE NEW SCOTT HOTEL

Former Idaho Resident Leases Dallas New Hostelry For Long Term of Years.

After having successfully managed the New Hotel Scott for several weeks, J. W. Crider, owner of the hotel, has leased the property for a long term of years and will leave for his home in San Jose, California, tomorrow.

The lessee of the new hotel is J. A. Rans, a hotel man of many years' experience. Mr. Rans comes to Dallas from Payette, Idaho, where he was manager of the Commercial Hotel, one of the popular hostels of that state. He is a pleasant, courteous gentleman and has a wide acquaintance among the traveling public. He takes charge of the New Scott with the intention of making Dallas his permanent home. His family arrived from Payette yesterday.

No changes in the office management are contemplated by the new proprietor. Walter Sears will continue in his present position as day clerk, and Wilfred Keyzer will be found at the night desk.

Mr. Crider, owner of the hotel building, returns to his home in California well pleased with the new arrangement. Under his able management the business of the hotel has increased at a rapid rate, its growing popularity among the traveling salesmen being especially noticeable. With a continuation of this liberal patronage of the house, enlargement of the building will soon become a necessity, and Mr. Crider, whose faith in Dallas' future is unbounded, says he stands ready to build the proposed addition to the new hotel whenever the increased business shall demand it.

ARTISANS VISIT AIRLIE LODGE

Jolly Party of Thirty-Five Motors to Lucklanate Town.

Thirty-five members of Dallas Assembly No. 46, United Artisans, headed by Master Artisan F. G. Wing, paid a fraternal visit to Airlie Assembly Saturday night. The trip to the home of the Lucklanate lodge was made by team and automobiles, a large spring hack and seven road cars being required to transport the party.

The visitors from Dallas were warmly greeted by their hosts and were the recipients of many pleasant courtesies during the social session, which lasted until a late hour. A short time before midnight, a delicious lunch was served.

Those going from Dallas were: Master Artisan F. G. Wing, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Staffin, Dr. and Mrs. V. C. Staats, Mr. and Mrs. John Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Simonton, Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Staats, Miss W. Wing, Miss M. Shinners, Miss Owens, Miss Savare, Messrs. James Sweeney, F. W. Zeller, W. A. Schoel, George Brandon, George Fuller, John Mc-Bee, Cleve Burch, J. C. Uglow, E. C. Day, Arthur Allen and Oscar Ellis; from Portland, Mr. Hatton.

MESSNER STORE IN NEW HANDS

F. S. Wilson, of Independence, Is Partner in New Concern.

W. A. Messner, who has been in business in McMinnville for about four years, has sold his stock of goods to D. M. Smith of Portland and F. S. Wilson, of Independence. Mr. Smith is a long-time resident of Oregon. Mr. Wilson has been a successful merchant in Independence since 1894. Mrs. Wilson is a graduate of McMinnville college, and will be remembered as Miss Lettie Masterson.

The stock of merchandise invoiced between \$22,000 and \$25,000, and it is the purpose of the new proprietors to add 50 per cent to its value in the next 30 days.

Mr. Messner and family will move to Medford, where they have large property interests.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

City Alone Can Decide.

In answer to a query of a Newport citizen concerning the regulation of the liquor traffic under the Home Rule amendment to the state constitution, Justice Burnett, of the Oregon Supreme Court, says: "The Home Rule amendment to the constitution was adopted and became effective at the November, 1910, election. It makes no provisions about the number of saloons in a town. According to the decision of a majority of the supreme court, its effect is to leave the enforcement of the local option law within the limits of a city to the voters of the city, independent of the other electors of the county."